

# HOUSE BILL 1561

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By: **Delegate McComas**

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Introduced and read first time: March 19, 2010

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Crab Pots – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or after a certain date, certain crab pots placed in the  
4 waters of the State for commercial purposes to meet certain requirements; and  
5 generally relating to the commercial crab harvest in the State.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Natural Resources

8 Section 4–813

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 **4–813.**

15 **ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2011, A NEW CRAB POT PLACED IN THE WATERS OF**  
16 **THE STATE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES SHALL BE:**

17 **(1) BIODEGRADABLE; OR**

18 **(2) OUTFITTED WITH A BIODEGRADABLE PANEL DESIGNED TO**  
19 **ALLOW CRABS AND OTHER MARINE ORGANISMS TO ESCAPE FROM THE CRAB**  
20 **POT IF THE CRAB POT IS LOST OR ABANDONED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2010.